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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL GROUP (AUGMENTED)

From: Brig. Gen. Lansdale *SL*  
Subject: Operation Mongoose, 4-10 May

The following are the significant highlights of Operation Mongoose for the week, in addition to those reported separately by CIA:

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TV. USIA helped in the effective drama "Anatomy of Betrayal: Dateline Cuba," which was televised on the Armstrong Circle Theater last night. USIA advised the writer of the drama, put him in touch with refugees in Miami, and reviewed the script. It is noted that the appearance of Jose MIRO Cardona at the end was particularly effective.

May Day. USIA's follow-up coverage of Havana's May Day celebration included commentary on methods of coercing workers to attend such mass celebrations. Interviews with a Cuban ex-Secretary of Labor and a former transportation worker in Havana were used. The commentary hit on a real Communist vulnerability: coercion.

VOA. The Voice of America continued to devote major emphasis to the sugar harvest fiasco and "salary adjustments" of the sugar cane workers. One interview with Morell Romero, a former Supreme Court Justice, drew heated commentary from Radio Havana for three days following the broadcast.

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"Whip Lash." Exercise "Whip Lash" is scheduled for 8-18 May, with participation by the JCS, Unified and Specified Commands, the military forces, and some US agencies, to exercise emergency alerting procedures. All messages pertaining to the exercise scenario will be prefaced by the words, "Exercise Whip Lash." The play possibly will include a simulated recommendation for the first phase of the CINCLANT contingency plan for Cuba.

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